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BIRD COUNT TO BE MADE ON WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS

A bird count will be made on the White House grounds on Dec. 27, for the first time in more than 60 years.

It will be part of the national bird census conducted annually by the National Audubon Society in cooperation with the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

Designated to make the count is Fred G. Evenden, executive director of the Wildlife Society and a member of the Audubon Naturalists Society. His tally will be the first on the White House grounds since President Theodore Roosevelt made similar observations during his administration. Additional birdwatchers will be covering other parts of the Washington area the same day.

Scientists believe that there has been a considerable change in the bird fauna since Theodore Roosevelt's days, and they are eager to compare the former President's notes with the 1969 results.

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